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sold for debt; and Mrs. Carr bought it in. To help meet the purchase price she was preparing to sell part of the land to Lock Sharp. Carr objected to the sale, and it is reported that he had made threats that he would kill Mrs. Carr and Sharp if they tried to put through the deal.

Carr is fifty years old. He is a son of the late Peter Carr of Clawson. He is the father of two children by Mrs. Carr, and a number of children by a former marriage.

Mrs. Carr was around forty years of age; she was a daughter of William E Sharp of Woodrow. She is survived by six children, four of them of a former marriage. On Thursday morning her body was taken to Mt. Zion graveyard in the Huntersville district and buried beside the grave of her first husband, Ervine Houdyshell.

Lock Sharp was 30 years of age; son of the late David Sharp, of near Marlinton. He was a blacksmith by trade. He is survived by his wife and their three children. On Thursday his body was buried at the grave.

brother-in-law, Lock Sharp, at the Carr farm a mile east of Edray, on the Clover Lick Road. Carr also shot two or three times at his step son, Thilbert Houdyshell. He got some small shot in his leg, but is not much hurt. Squire Uriah Bird witnessed the killing. Carr is in jail.

Mrs. Carr, Lock Sharp and Squire Bird and young Houdyshell were engaged in surveying some land at Warwick, which Sharp was preparing to buy from his sister-in-law Mrs. Carr. About four o'clock just as the last stakes were being set, Theodore Carr came up, and without a word to anyone shot Sharp dead; the charge from a sixteen guage shot gun striking him below the heart. He then turned the gun on Thilbert Houdyshell, shooting at him two or three times, knocking his hat off and wounding him slightly in the legs as he ran behind a straw stack. Then Carr shot at his wife as she was making off, striking her in the hand. She turned back toward him, asking for mercy, and Carr shot her in the breast. She died almost instantaneously.

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Carr was indicted February 13, was brought to trial on March 14 and convicted on the following day of first degree murder without recommendation for mercy. Judge Summers H. Sharp, in sentencing Carr to be hanged reviewed briefly the facts of the case.

"You have been found guilty of one of the highest offenses known to the law, that of taking the life of your fellow man without justification or excuse," Judge Sharp told Carr. "I doubt whether the criminal annals of the county will disclose a more brutal homicide than this of which you have been charged and convicted."

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#### DENTAL NOTICE

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I will be out of my office from June 18 to 26, inclusive.

## Flead Temporary Insanity

Temporary insanity resulting from brooding over his financial and marital troubles formed the basis of Carr's defense. His attorneys contended that Carr became obsessed with the idea that Sharp was encouraging his wife in her actions toward him and that the two of them were manufacturing liquor on the Carr farm during Carr's absence at intervals in the lumber camps. Previous to the day of the double tragedy defense witnesses testified Carr in brooding over his troubles was frequently found crying and acting in "in a most peculiar manner" and showed "every evidence of great depression and temporary insanity." Carr maintained at the trial that he had no recollection of what transpired from the time he left the boarding house until the time he met his daughter on the return trip.

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## THEODORE S. CARR PAYS PENALTY WITH OWN LIFE

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run and two shots were fired at him, both missing. Still without a word Carr turned around and started up the hill toward his boarding house. At the same time Mrs. Carr began running away in an opposite direction and this attracted Carr's attention. He pursued her and Mrs. Carr stopped and awaited her husband's approach. They had a few words and the shot gun again became an instrument of death. Leaving the body of his wife in the field Carr walked up the hill meeting his daughter on the way. She asked about her mother.

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Id. 60 acres of land in Little L. E. V.  
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S. Cochran and wife to Charlesong, 2 acres of land in Greenbank District, \$100.00.

## Theodore Carr Pays Penalty Friday; Faces Gallows With Steady Nerve

### STATE MEDICAL EXAMS TO BE HELD JULY 9-10

Medical examinations for those who desire to practice medicine in West Virginia will be held in Mart. on July 9-10th, it was announced today by Dr. W. T. Henklein, state health commissioner. The Public Health Council, the licensing board of the state, will also view all doctors who desire it through reciprocity.

### BANKERS MEET

For 200 bankers, from all parts of West Virginia attended the annual meeting of the State Bankers Association held in Bluefield Thursday. Fleming, of Grafton, presided at the meeting. None of the local bankers attended.

### WEDDING

On the 13th, at the Methodist parsonage Isaac Frank and Helen Dorothy Curry were married by Rev. S. R. Neel. Young people are residents of the community.

South Cunningham, of Elkins, was the guest of Miss Beryl Mar-

Theodore Carr was hanged at the state prison, Friday, June 14, for the slaying of Lock Sharp on October 30, 1929. In contrast to demeanor while in the death house, when he appeared unmoved, he walked coolly to the gallows and paid the penalty. The trap was sprung at 8:58 and he was pronounced dead nine and one half minutes later.

"Goodbye" was the last word uttered when asked if he had any statement to make before the trap was sprung. He had been praying throughout the day with Rev. W. C. Herold, prison chaplin, who accompanied him on his death walk. He walked the fifteen feet from the death cell to the execution chamber unassisted.

The body was claimed by his son, Cecil Carr, and was shipped to Clawson, this county Sunday. The funeral was held Monday afternoon by Rev. K. V. Bowen, pastor of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church.

At the invitation of Warden L. M. Robinson, twenty persons were present but none witnessed the execution.

The condemned man's last hours were spent with his son, two brothers and the prison chaplin. Carr had been pronounced sane

after an examination Wednesday by Dr. L. V. Guthrie, superintendent of Huntington state hospital. In his report the Dr. said, "Carr is somewhat depressed but he is not insane and understands the nature and quality of his acts and the difference between right and wrong."

Appeals from the decision of the Pocahontas county court were denied by the state supreme court and a petition for executive clemency was denied by Governor Wm. G. Conley.

The shooting occurred on the Carr property. Carr had become involved in financial difficulties and had also become separated from his wife. The property had been sold under court order and had been bid in by the wife although the sale yet required confirmation by the court.

Mrs. Carr, Sharp, her son and Uriah Bird, a surveyor, were on the farm for the purpose of laying out a tract the woman had contracted to sell to Sharp when Carr appeared armed with a shot gun.

Without a word, the evidence showed, Carr went close to Sharp who was driving a stake in the ground and shot him through the heart. Young Howdysell started to (Continued on page eight)

for that reason I presume the jury has extended to you no mercy. Possibly you had been brooding over your domestic troubles, letting the matter grow on you and cultivating it, you decided to do something desperate. I can't imagine a person letting a thing get away with him like you probably did in this case.

In pursuance of the verdict of the jury and in obedience to law, it is the judgment of this Court that upon the rising of this Court you be taken from the jail of this County to the penitentiary of this State which is located in the City of Moundsville, County of Marshall and there confined until the 14th day of June, 1929, on which date within the walls of the penitentiary of this State you will be hung by the neck until dead. From this time forward the time will bear heavily with you in the solitude of your abode and the only admonition or exhortation I can give you would

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## STATE AID

Teachers' drafts are still being held up due to the fact that the State A

noon on Friday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. In pronouncing the sentence, Judge Sharp said:

"Theodore Carr, you will stand up. Do you know of anything to say for yourself why the judgment of the Court should not be pronounced against you at this time?

(No response)

"You have been found guilty by a jury of your peers of first degree murder and they not having seen fit to make recommendation to this Court, consequently, there is nothing for the Court to do but carry out the extreme penalty of the law.

"You have been found guilty of one of the highest offenses known to the law, that of taking the life of your fellowman without justification, or excuse. I doubt whether the criminal annals of this County will disclose a more brutal homicide than this with which you have been charged and convicted. The evidence discloses that without any provocation, I might say on the date of this

a more brutal homicide than this with which you have been charged and convicted. The evidence discloses that without any provocation, I might say, on the date of this felony charged, you armed yourself with a gun, evidently knowing these folks were over there running off this piece of land, you go over there and without giving Lock Sharp warning